

Management will be preparing a supplemental EIS on the impacts of oil and gas development in the Glenwood Springs Resource Area.

DATES: Comments will be accepted until May 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Area Manager, Glenwood Springs Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1009, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, ATTN: Oil and Gas EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Moore, (970) 947-2813.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Oil and gas leasing and development in the Glenwood Springs Resource Area (GSRA) was considered in the Colorado Oil and Gas Leasing and Development EIS (COGEIS, January, 1991). The assumptions about the level of development made in the original EIS are no longer valid and a modification is required to reflect new information about the level of development. The original EIS assumed construction of 90 wells over 20 years, at an average spacing of 160 to 320 acres per well; since publication of the EIS it has become apparent that actual development in the GSRA will exceed the level evaluated in that document and that, in some locales, the density will be greater than 160 acres per well. The supplemental document will evaluate a higher level of development and higher densities.

Mitigation measures for oil and gas development were developed in the GSRA Resource Management Plan (RMP) and in the COGEIS. The supplement will evaluate expanded development in the context of those measures and will also consider new mitigation measures. Other areas of evaluation will include: the effectiveness of additional lease stipulations in mitigating impacts; the success achieved in reclaiming areas disturbed by development; the impacts on wildlife.

Additionally, the GSRA may acquire all or portions of Naval Oil Shale Reserves (NOSR) 1 and 3 during the supplemental EIS process. The transfer of these lands from the Department of Energy to the Bureau of Land Management is currently being considered by Congress. Should the transfer occur during preparation of the supplemental EIS, the GSRA will consider the possibility of including in the analysis up to 6,000 acres of NOSR 3 which is already experiencing oil and gas development. This portion of NOSR 3 is immediately adjacent to those BLM lands being developed for oil and gas, is similar in character to the BLM lands

and would likely be subject to the same types of stipulations.

The supplemental EIS process will take place during the spring and summer, 1997. A draft EIS is planned for August, 1997.

Scoping will include a news release announcing the beginning of the supplemental process and letters to all participants in the original EIS process and additional interested parties. A question and answer sheet which further describes the reasons for the supplement and some of the issues to be addressed is available upon request.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification; Mineral County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following described land, comprising 15.00 acres, has been examined and is determined to be suitable for classification for lease or conveyance pursuant to the authority in the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.):

Mt. Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 7 N., R. 34 E.

Sec. 24, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public land is located northwest of Mina in Mineral County. The land is not needed for Federal purposes. Lease or conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest. Mineral County has expressed an interest in constructing a solid waste transfer station on the site.

The patent, when issued will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States. Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All mineral deposits in the land so patented, and to it, or persons

authorized by it, the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and regulations to be established by the Secretary of the Interior.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws but not the mineral leasing laws, the material disposal laws, or the Geothermal Steam Act. The segregation shall terminate upon issuance of a conveyance document or publication in the Federal Register of an order specifying the date and time of opening.

DATES: On or before June 5, 1997, interested parties may submit comments.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Carson City District Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1535 Hot Springs Drive, Carson City, NV 89706-0638. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles J. Kihm, Carson City District Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, Nevada 89706-0638; (702) 885-6000.

Dated: April 11, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of User Fees in the Yakima River Canyon

AGENCY: Spokane District Office, Wenatchee Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management,

ACTION: Notice of intent to charge user fees at two Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recreation sites in the Yakima River Canyon, Washington.

SUMMARY: Effective May 15, 1997, the Bureau of Land Management will begin charging a site use fee at its Roza and Squaw Creek recreation sites in the Yakima River Canyon.

This fee will cover all approved activities at both sites, including